(b) No, Sir. Only one out of the 16 recommendations is more than two months old and not notified by the Finance Ministry.

(c) On examination of the preliminary findings in the said case, in the Finance Ministry it was observed that the Designated Authority did not take into account certain relevant parameters while making the recommendations. It was, therefore, decided to await the final findings of the Designated Authority before taking a decision in the matter. The final findings dated the 21st January, 2000 have since been received and are under examination.

Implementation of uniform Sales Tax

539. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the uniform rates of Sales Tax has been implemented by all the States;

(b) if not, the names of those States which have not switched over to the new system and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in order to secure uniform implementation of the new system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The States of Haryana, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Goa, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh have not implemented uniform floor rates of sales tax. Since the decision regarding uniform floor rates was taken by all the States by consensus, Government of India is persuading them to implement it.